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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT FORTHCOMING NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD  
AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH, REFUGEE HEALTH SECTION FOR THE REFUGEE HEALTH ASSESSMENT  
PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and/or accept and implement future awards and/or amendments from the California Department of Public Health, Refugee Health Section to support the Department of Public Health's participation in the Refugee Health Assessment Program, for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Grant Award (NGA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Refugee Health Section (RHS), to support DPH's participation in the Refugee Assessment Program (RHAP), in the amount of \$1,600,000, for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the NGA referenced above that extend the term through September 30, 2017, at amounts to be determined by the CDPH RHS; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of

unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through March 31, 2018; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 30 percent above or below each award term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to continue to accept CDPH RHS funds and future awards and/or amendments from CDPH RHS for the provision of health assessment services to refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, special visa immigrants, certified victims of human trafficking, and other eligible entrants, as required by the CDPH RHS. Health assessment services include: screening for communicable diseases, physical examinations, and basic health education.

In the past two years, Los Angeles County has experienced a 35 percent decrease in refugee arrivals due to strict overseas security checks by Homeland Security. The amount awarded for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-13 is based on refugee arrival trends (i.e., refugee arrival caseload and demographics, the number of health assessments completed, etc.). Therefore, due to decreasing trends over the last two FFYs, Los Angeles County's RHAP award for FFY 2012-13 decreased 20 percent from FFY 2011-12. Should refugee arrival trends increase during FFY 2012-13, CDPH has indicated that the award amount for FFY 2013-14 may be revised to reflect those trends.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the NGA to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 30 percent above or below each term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

DPH will accept a forthcoming NGA from CDPH RHS for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$1,600,000. Of this amount, \$1,498,000 will support personnel costs (salaries and employee benefits) and \$102,000 will support operating expenses.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 Adopted Budget and will be requested in future FYs, as necessary.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since October 1, 1980, Los Angeles County has received Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement funding from CDPH to support the RHAP which provides health assessment services to various refugee populations that are newly arriving in the United States. These annual grant awards are used to offset the costs associated with assessing, monitoring medical referrals, and providing communicable disease screening to refugees in Los Angeles County.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to continue to provide health related services to various refugee populations who are newly arrived in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,



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